

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT HERE

King George's Cousin Visits
Wilson—To Lunch To-day
at White House.

LAUDS AMERICAN TROOPS

Dinner at British Embassy to
Envoy on Way to Honor
Japan's Emperor.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, who arrived here to-day, paid his respects to President Wilson at the White House at 1 o'clock this evening. He will have lunch with the President tomorrow morning, and will be the recipient of all the honors and courtesies which the nation can bestow on him during his brief visit here. The prince is a cousin of King George of England.

The prince was escorted to the British Embassy by a detachment of cavalry. After the conference with the President, the prince received representatives of the press at the British Embassy. He made the following statement:

"I am delighted to have this opportunity of visiting for the first time the United States and of paying my respects to President Wilson as head of your Government and one of the great leaders of our common cause. I have heard much of the Duke of Connaught, while Governor General of Canada, and I am sure that he will never forget the cordial reception he received in the United States or his many American friends."

Prince for American Troops.

"I feel especially interested in visiting your country at this moment, as your soldiers are even now fighting side by side with the French and British in the great battle at present being waged in France."

"We British recognize and appreciate the great spirit which prompted you to send the best of your country's manhood to the other side of the world to fight for liberty and civilization."

"My last official duty before leaving London was to attend the King when he reviewed some American troops belonging to the new National Army marching through London on their way to the battle front. We were all impressed by the fine appearance. I have had an opportunity of seeing a good many of the American officers in France and can speak with first hand knowledge of the splendid courage and enthusiasm."

"I have also had the pleasure of meeting Gen. Pershing, who is an old acquaintance of mine, as I knew him when he was military attaché at our embassy in Tokyo in 1906."

"Our troops have been sorely tried in the great battle which is still raging. We are confident of ultimate victory. American troops are now pouring into France to our assistance, and although we recognize that there is still a desperate struggle ahead of us, if we all put forth our fullest efforts we shall secure final victory and a just peace."

Guest at British Embassy.

Prince Arthur of Connaught is a guest at the British Embassy during his visit here. With him are the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, the Master of Ashford and Gen. Sir W. Pitt Rivers. The British Ambassador, Lord Reading, is expected to dine with the prince this evening in his honor.

Among the guests were Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing, the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, the Japanese Ambassador and Viscountess Ishii, Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, the Belgian Minister, Count de Borchgrave, Viscount de Borchgrave, and Lady Grant, Sir Richard and Lady Crawford, Sir Hardman Lever, British military attaché to the Treasury, and Lady Lever; Chief of Staff, Major-General, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Benson, the Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Phillips, Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. V. C. Wood, Lieut.-Gen. Bridges of the British army.

Major-General McLachlan, Military Attaché to the Embassy; Third Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. J. W. Davis, William Crozier, Mrs. John W. Davis, Miss Bones, Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Counselor of the British Embassy, Mrs. Colville Barclay, Major-General, Sir John S. A. R. R. Naval Attaché to the Prince, Major Crawford Stuart, Thomas Beaumont Hopler of the Embassy Staff, Oscar T. Crosby, Hubert Montgomery of the Embassy Staff and Lord Harris.

The Italian Ambassador and Countess of Celere and the Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker were to have been present, but they were detained in New York.

A small reception followed the dinner, the day's significance was great not only as Empire Day but as the birthday of Queen Victoria, which has been celebrated by a dinner party at the embassy for many years.

PRINCE ARTHUR GETS CORDIAL WELCOME

Navy Tag Takes Envoy From Cruiser, to Pier.

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BILL TO ENLIST MEN BETWEEN 40 AND 55

Secretary Baker Plans to Raise Volunteer Non-combatant Army.

FOR HEADQUARTERS DUTY

Would Relieve Younger Soldiers for Service on Battle Front.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The House of Representatives today passed a bill to raise the maximum age limit for voluntary enlistment in the army from 40 to 55 years. All men over 40 enlisted would be assigned to non-combatant service.

In a letter to Speaker Clark asking that the bill be pushed Secretary Baker said:

"Every man above the age of 40 years who is enlisted in non-combatant branches of the service will make available for duty with the line troops a man within the prescribed age limit for all troops."

"Many men whose long experience as mechanics and artisans will make them particularly valuable to the various staff corps and departments may be thus secured, instead of younger men without such experience, and the efficiency of the staff corps and the departments thus will be increased."

7,500,000 Men Available.

There probably are 7,500,000 men between the ages of 40 and 55, and many thousands of them already have attained their desire to serve by volunteering in the Department with applications.

While the great majority of the men in this class undoubtedly would be restrained from enlisting by family and business ties the number at liberty to join the colors is expected to be more than sufficient to meet the purpose in view.

Staff corps positions include many duties behind the front, every headquarters unit includes a number of positions for which the older men would be just as well suited as the present occupants, who, under the new plan, would be relieved for line duty.

Official estimates are that a modern army to be maintained as an efficient unit would have between 40 and 45 per cent of its actual strength on duty behind the fighting zone. This means that of the first 1,000,000 men sent to France, 400,000 would be in line of communication, in hospitals or at the various headquarters and debarquement bases.

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RUSSIANS REPORT GERMANS MUTINY

Fifty Shot, 1,000 Imprisoned, Says Wireless Message to Washington.

RESENT MOVEMENT WEST

Bolshevik Doctrines Said to Have Taken Root in Some Divisions.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—According to a Russian wireless dispatch communicated to the State Department, a mutiny broke out among the troops of a German division at Dvinsk, Russia, when they were ordered to the western front. Fifty were executed and 1,000 imprisoned, according to the Russian reports. Other German troops in the vicinity held demonstrations in favor of the troops that revolted.

Reports also reached the State Department from the same source that the Fifty-sixth German Regiment and other units en route from the east to the western front, held demonstrations at Westenburg against a continuation of the war.

Although reports of mutinies in the German army are generally accepted here with more than a grain of salt, the present conditions surrounding German troops in Russia may have affected the iron discipline of the Kaiser's legions there.

In the first place the troops now in Russia are the least of from a military standpoint of all the German troops as the best fighting material has long since been called for service in connection with the drive on the western front.

GERMANS NEAR KURSK.

Soldiers and Workmen Plan to Resist Invasion.

LONDON, May 24.—A large German force is reported within twenty-five miles of Kursk, in the Dnieper-Don region, about 300 miles southwest of Moscow, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Moscow dated May 16. The Kursk Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's deputation states, has decided to declare a "revolutionary mobilization" for defensive purposes because of the "critical situation created by the German invasion in violation of the Brest-Litovsk treaty."

The White Russian Republic has been declared with Germany's consent, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Moscow reports, telegraphing under date of May 16. A coalition government has been formed, the dispatch states, and negotiations are proceeding regarding the unity of Lithuania and White Russia, with the idea of forming a separate State under a German military protectorate.

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